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1. The following vessels were observed at Gdynia

a. In the westerly part of the naval harbor there was a destroyer with one wide stack and a gray ship of about 4000 tons which had the appearance of a merchant ship. It had one stack close to the bridge superstructure. The name was unreadable, but consisted of 10 letters. There was also a schooner rigged vessel in the harbor.¹

b. At Basin IV; a Russian cargo steamer (Liberty) was seen.

c. The SUKHONA of Odessa was at the silo in Basin IV.

d. The Polish cargo steamer LECHISTAN was at the silo in Basin IV.

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f. There was a Polish tanker at the wooden cargo wharf west of the naval harbor.

2. The control of foreign vessels has become more stringent. The number of sentries has been increased from two to three and four persons. The examination of the ship is much more thorough than it has been before, and the goods that are delivered from the warehouse to the ship are inspected very closely. The harbor workers who work aboard the ship used to get permission to leave the ship as a group and had their shore papers examined more or less as a group. This has now been changed in such a way that the sentry at the gang plank calls the names of the workers one at a time as they go aboard the ship and repeats the process when they leave.²

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1. The vessels observed are believed to be the BLYSKAWICA, the ZETEMPOWIEC and the schooner ISKRA.

2. During the summer, Polish citizens have fled Poland with the help of foreign merchant ships. This has come to the attention of the Polish authorities and they have put into effect the stricter control measures.

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